orld Bank assistance for Operation Flood Phase-ll

1659. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

<a) whether the World Bank propose to give a loan of $ 360 million for the third phase of 'Operation *Flood* Programme' to boost dairy development activities in the country; and

{lb) if so, the salient features of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)' The basic objectives of the Operation Flood ni are to consolidate the gains already achieved, expansion in the number of village cooperative isocieties, expansion of milk procurement, processing & marketing facilities, productivity enhancement mea-ures, etc.

Jstablishment of All India Radio Station at Keonjhargarh

1660. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Ques tion 1363 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the construction of office building for the All India Radio Station in Keonjhargarh has been completed;

(b) whether th$_e$ radio station has not started functioning so far;

(c) if so, the reasong therefor; and

(d) by when this local radio station Is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K L BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The construc tion of the budding fo$_r$ All India Radio station at Keonjhargarh has been completed and the installation of studios and Transmitter equipment u in final stages of completion and test ing.

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(d) The station is likely to be commissioned in June, 1988.

Manufacturing' cost of fertilizers

1661. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the imported fertilizers are cheaper than those produced in the country;

(b) if so, the comparative minufacturing cost of each fertilizer P*r tonne; and

(c) the causes for high cost and steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The comparative cost of indi genous and imported fertilizers as prevalent in the second half of Feb ruary, 1988 is as under:—

(Average cost per tonne Rs.)

	Indigenous	*Imported*
	Average cost per tonne (Rs.)	
	Indigenous	Imoorted
1. Urea (Ex-factoty price)	3380	250T (C&F+handing-ch^rges
2. DAP (Ex-factory price")	4147	3785 (C&F-f-handing charges)

(c) Price of imported fertilizer is determined by many factor;* eg, in ternational demand and supply situa tion, price of feedstock and vintage of the plants in the countries from where import is made. This i$_3$ why landed price of imported fertilizer does not reflect the actual cost of production internationally. Or* the other hand, cost of fertilizer produc-